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BIG VERN



STITCH YOURS! FIFTEEN
BUCKS! YOU'VE BUILT
FOR YOU DON'T WANT
MOUTH SHUT.



Lord, I don't fancy
yours much! It's...

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Shut up you old bastards

PRIZE LETTER

I am sick and tired of old people complaining constantly about everything. They've had their fun in life, and now they're trying to spoil it for everyone else. I am 28 years of age.

T. Vulcan
Lancaster

I think that charming man Mr Kinnock should be the next Prime Minister.

Mrs P. Nimrod
Sterling

In response to my wife's letter (this issue), I can think of several good reasons why Mr Kinnock should not be Prime Minister. Firstly, he's Welsh. He's got freckles, he's nearly bald, and lastly, the little hair he has remaining is dyed bright orange and styled like that of Mick Miller, the comedian.



Perhaps my wife would like to see this balding clown representing our interests at home and abroad? Frankly, I think not.

Mr P. Nimrod
Sterling

I am in the process of tracing my family tree and wonder whether any of your readers may be able to help me. My family comes originally from the Bolton area, and I believe my mother's name was Robson or Robinson. I believe I also have a sister who is older than me. Does anybody know them?

J. Sewell
Northampton

Following on from Mr Nimrod's letter (this issue), in the interests of political impartiality I think it only fair to point out that Mr Major, the Prime Minister, is ugly, boring and looks like a cross between Joe 90 and that lion bloke out of Beauty and the Beast.

Mr T. Tristar
Telford

Dog can look after itself

My dog may not be able to add up, spell my name or say "sausages" and "Esther" like the ones you see on 'That's Life', but he can hold his own in a fight with a badger.

J. Stealth
Darlinton

I'm sure that if antique expert Arthur Negus were to visit my home he would turn his nose up at most of my furniture. Still, he's dead and I'm alive, so who's laughing now?

T. Gloster-Meteor
Durham

From Aberdeen to Brighton it's the page that's 'Write-on'

*Do you have an interesting anecdote, opinion or a poem perhaps? Anything that our increasingly disillusioned readers may find vaguely amusing. If so, drop us a line at the address above. We'll be giving away a free pen for every letter we print in the next issue. But not necessarily to the people who wrote them.



Kylie Minogue is my favourite pop star, and actress, so I wrote this poem for her.

Kylie, Kylie, so sweet and smiley,
Let's sing a song
In a 'rub-a-dub' styley.

Kylie, Kylie, so cute and twee,
Oh please Michael
Hutchence
Give her one from me.

Lee Green
Lewisham

I don't see why dog owners should be fined if their dog fouls the pavement. If a dog owner was caught drink/driving, they wouldn't expect his dog to pay the fine.

This is clearly a case of double standards.

Mrs D. Kent
Wimbledon

Fancy a shag?

They say that all men are the same with the light off. Then perhaps some of your female readers would like to pop round for a shag? My electricity was cut off last week.

Richard
Button-Mushroom
Ripon

Every once in a while my wife and I enjoy a romantic, candle-lit dinner and a smooch to our favourite record, before stripping off for a game of 'wheelbarrow'.

I wonder whether any other readers have quaint phrases which aptly describe their style of lovemaking.

M. Herringbone
Henley

I began drinking at the age of 16, and have been a heavy drinker now for over 20 years, spending a small fortune each week on beer, lager and spirits. But come 'Comic Relief' day I'm the one who's laughing, as I never have to waste money buying a stupid red nose.

I already have one!
I. P. Head
Middlesbrough

I don't see the point in speed limits and alcohol restrictions for motorists. I'm sure a lot of drivers get a thrill out of deliberately breaking these laws. I believe there should be no speed limit, and drinking should be allowed. I'm sure that once the novelty of driving at high speeds and whilst drunk has worn off, motorists will, of their own accord, begin to drive more slowly, sensibly and sober.

Mr I. Quinn
Dartford

Vegetarians tell us that it's wrong to kill defenceless animals. Several years ago my grandfather was bitten by a sheep. So animals are hardly defenceless, are they?

M. Bhugoon
Worcester



Top Tips

MASHED potato looks a bit like snow, and is harmless for children.

H. Civic
Southampton

GIVE friends the impression that you wear contact lenses by blinking frequently and pulling down your lower eyelid.

Michael Hudson
Bingley

AVOID being mugged in the street by walking along behind a policeman and moving your lips and gesturing as if you are having a friendly conversation with him. If he turns round, simply look confused and ask him for directions to a nearby street.

R. Hollins
Hammersmith

WHEN travelling by train, jot down a note of any refreshments you require and pin it to your lapel. This will save you having to talk to the miserable bastard who is invariably serving in the buffet car.

P. Donnelly
Portsmouth

WEIGHT watchers. Weigh yourself each week. The difference between successive weights is the amount that you have either gained or lost.

A J Marsh
Tongham, Surrey

How about Sir Cliff?

Isn't it about time Cliff Richard was honoured with the Knighthood he so richly deserves. After all, he's never taken drugs or had sex like many other so-called 'pop' stars. In fact, now that Princess Ann is getting divorced, wouldn't it be nice if he could marry her and become the King of England.

Mrs Martha Hienkel
Weighbridge

CONVINCE neighbours that you have an expensive car alarm by locking up your car and making loud, high-pitched whooping noises whilst walking away.

S. Black
Burnley

OBTAIN the effect of having a bald, yellow scalp by removing the skin from a bowl of custard which has set, and placing it on your crown.

L. Vandayke
Lancashire

KEEP your insurance company on their toes by ringing them to say that your roof has just blown off in a storm, then calling them back ten minutes later to say that you were mistaken.

I. Battenburg
Walsall

ATTACH a tag with your name and address on it to your house keys so that if they are lost, whoever finds them can return them to you. If there's room, mention the times that your house is empty so that they'll be sure to catch you in when they call.

P. Pegley
Hammersmith

STICK silk flowers to an old woolly hat to make it pretty for that special occasion

G. Richardson (Mrs)
Oxford

CUT your man's hair round a mouse ring mould instead of a pudding bowl if he is balding at the crown.

Mrs C. Sidros
Greenford



Three cheers for the Princess of Wales, with her cheeky smile, her beautiful frocks and those trend-setting hats. Well worth four million quid a year, I must say.

E. Tornado
Bedford

SIXTIES STARS SLAM SADDAM

Many of Britain's top groups from the sixties are up in arms about Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Indeed, several sixties hit-makers are believed to have been disappointed by the news that the war was over. "Some of them had been looking forward to getting out there and giving Saddam what for", a showbiz insider told us yesterday.



A sixties group.

STORM

Saddam's invasion of Kuwait triggered a storm of protest from sixties chart toppers, among them Allan Clark, veteran frontman with The Hollies. "It was certainly an unjustified act of aggression", Clark fumed yesterday.

SORRY

Peter Noone, mop topped singer with Herman's Hermits, felt equally strongly. "You have to feel sorry for the people of Kuwait, and everyone else who has suffered in the conflict", blasted Noone, whose hits included "No Milk Today".

"It's a shame about all the pollution that's been caused," he told us.

OPEN ALL HOURS

Gerry Marsden of Merseybeat sensations Gerry and the Pacemakers wasn't mincing his words either. He agreed with the 12 point UN resolutions against Iraq, and the principal that aggression should not pay. "I suppose you could say that", he told us yesterday.

Dave Clark, one time hit-maker with The Dave Clark Five, was yesterday unavailable for comment.

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OH DEAR

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*Doctor, policeman, solicitor, scoutmaster etc



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ISLE OF DOGS!

Women in Britain are **UGLY**, their looks lagging way behind those of our European competitors.

That's the shock claim being made by Bristol landscape gardener Dennis Stokes. And Dennis believes come 1992 Britain's females will **LOOSE OUT** to more glamorous looking women from neighbouring countries.

"If you take a walk down any street in Britain, none of the birds you see are anything to write home about", Stokes told us. "But if you watch the telly, you see some really good lookers in Italy and France and that. The birds over here can't compete with classy tarts like that."

BOILERS

A secret Government report prepared by experts seems to confirm Mr. Stokes' fears. The document, recently leaked to us, reveals that in some parts of Britain, like Huddersfield, less than 10 per cent of the female

Britain trails in crumpet stakes

population are attractive. While a stunning 50 per cent - half the female population - are classed as 'absolute boilers'.

PISTONS

Officials at the Department of Health are known to be extremely concerned about the implications of the report come Britain's entry into the EEC in 1992. The removal of trade barriers will make international marriages a lot easier, and there are fears that Britain's feilias will shop abroad for partners.

EXCLUSIVE

"Me, I fancy that Italian bird that gets her tits out on the telly", Dennis Stokes told us yesterday. And come 1992 Dennis could be one of thousands of British men who flood through the Channel Tunnel to score themselves a piece of continental crumpet.

VALVES

Secret proposals to remedy the problem are currently being studied by the Prime Minister and Cabinet colleagues. They hope that dramatic measures can be taken to improve the appearance of the nation's women.

These are thought to include:

- Poll Tax relief to enable ugly women to spend more money on make-up.
- Cheaper housing for plain looking women in certain out-of-the-way areas, like Workington, to encourage



Clare Short

those women to live there. This would be part of an integrated, 'out of sight, out of mind' policy.

• A so-called 'Boiler Cuff' to be introduced at weekends preventing plain or unattractive women from going out in the evenings.

DIODES

"Efforts will have to be made to bring Britain's birds into line with the gorgeous muff you see parading round on the continent in tight miniskirts", a Government spokesman told us yesterday.

TRANSISTORS

We tried to ring Labour MP Clare Short, to see what she thought about ugly women, but her number wasn't in the Newcastle phone book.

SADDAM'S BRITAIN

If Iraq had won the Gulf War London would no longer have been the capital of England. And landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column and Tower Bridge would all have been rased to the ground.

These are just some of the horrific facts revealed in top secret documents abandoned by fleeing Iraqi troops as they left Kuwait. Documents which include an amazing blueprint of Saddam Hussein's Britain.

PLANS

Had Saddam won the war, life under the Iraqi dictator would have been a nightmare for the population of Britain. Among the many changes outlined in detailed plans drawn up by the Iraqi military were:

- Identity cards for every single person in Britain over the age of 12, similar to those which were to be carried by football supporters.
- Severe rationing of food and fuel, on a scale not witnessed since the Second World War.
- Skeleton rail and bus services, with as few as 1 in 5 timetable services running.
- Early closing for shops on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Restricted banking hours at the four major High Street banks.

PARADE

Madman Hussein planned to celebrate his victory with a military parade, not through the streets of London, but through Grimsby instead.

- Strict curfews, with the death penalty for anyone found walking the streets at night.
- A total blackout of TV and radio.

Nightmare that almost came true

For Hussein's military advisers had recommended Grimsby as the new capital of England, with it's ideal harbour facilities. North Sea links and good road and rail services. A puppet Government would have been installed in Grimsby Town Hall, from where the evil Iraqis would have run the country.

ESCORT

Saddam saw London as a symbol of western imperialism. He planned to set it burning like the oil fields of Kuwait, killing the Royal Family and stealing their furniture, paintings and cars.



Evil Saddam.

Shopkeeper Bill Simpson agreed that life under the Iraqis would have been unbearable. "They'd probably have come in here and looted my shop, and there'd be nothing I could do. My wife's ill in bed, and I'm 63 and taking tablets for my leg".

MK2 CAPRI

Other people we spoke to praised the allied forces for their victory. "Thank God we won the war," 67 year old Agatha Dodds told us. "I lived through the Blitz. Mind you, we were happier then. You could leave your front door open in them days", she said. "And I never saw a banana till I was 42", she added.

MOTHER OF TWO, VERA SWEET
46, TOOK SLAP A
MILEAWAY THE
WALKING BAN ON
GAIL DALEY...

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YOU'RE THE



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COME ON, EAST JUNE

THE RECORD! YOU'VE
THE PASTRY CLOSE.



GET OUT OF MY BEDROOM!

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EXPLORE, EXPERIMENT, AND
ALL ABOUT IT

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QUICK! PRETEND YOU'RE OUT! IT'S



WAVE YOU ONE! THOUGHT THAT AT ANY TIME YOU MAY BE CALLED BEFORE YOUR CREATOR TO JUDGE FOR YOUR SIN, AND YET IT IS WORTHY THAT YOU MAY BE CONDEMNED TO EMBELLISHING TORTURE IN THE LAKE OF FIRE!



STORY YE UP NOT CAREFULLY THUNDERED, CONSIDER THE WILDS OF THE FIELDS, THEY DO NOT TOL, YET GOLDMORN IN ALL HIS GLORY HAS MUCH MORE KNOWANT.



AND THERE AFTER FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS HIS LOVE SHALL BE THE-ETH COME! FORTY-NIGHTS LONG AND SHALL BE, THIRTEEN TEMPTED SPRING COMING AND WITH THAT UNWORTHY SHALL BE ABOUT ON LET HIM REMOVE THE MIST FROM THINE ONE WITHOUT FIRST REMOVING THE CAMEL FROM THE SIDE OF THE GREEK OF HEAVEN! FORTY-NIGHTS 13-13-13-13



ARMED WITH TWO SOBBY BOTTLES
FULL OF OLD PORK STOCK, AND
PROTECTED BY 20" WIDE STRIPS
OF ALCAN FOL WRAP, YOUR
DREAMS COME TRUE...

ALCAN FOL WRAPPED PORK STOCK WARRIOR

YOU KNOW NOT MY NAME, MORTAL!
FOR THE SWORD OF FOIL WRAPS
MY TRUE GREATNESS!



THE WORLD SHALL KNOW ME ONLY
BY THE LEGEND OF ALCAN FOL
WRAPPED PORK STOCK WARRIOR!



GOSH! SPOKE
FROM THE GARDEN
NEXT DOOR!

THIS COULD
BE A CASE
FOR ALCAN
FOL WRAPPED
PORK STOCK
WARRIOR!



OHVENT! IT'S ME BARNABY,
AND HE'S ABOUT TO BURN
THOSE LEAVES. MUST STOP
HIM BEFORE HE DOES UNLESS
DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT



HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
UH?

OR WITNESS THE POWER
OF THE ALCAN FOL WRAPPED
PORK STOCK WARRIOR!



WELL THERE,
CHARLIE!

NO!



EXTINGUISH
THAT FIRE!!

SHUT
BE SILENT
CHARLIE!
I BELIEVE



BY THE POWER OF PORK STOCK,
I REWARD THIS FIRE BE
DUELLED!



HEY BE CAREFUL, KEEP AWAY
FROM THOSE FLAMES!

SQURT!
SQURT!
SQURT!
SQURT!



YOU FORGET, I AM
PROTECTED BY THE
POWER OF MY 20 INCH
STRONG STRENGTH
ALCAN FOL WRAP



NOW YOU HAVE WITNESSED THE
POWER OF ALCAN FOL WRAPPED
PORK STOCK WARRIOR!

UHHH! OOP!

YOU LITTLE BUNT
YOU'VE PUT MY FIRE OUT



WHERE THERE IS EVIL, I SHALL BRING
GOOD. WHERE THERE IS WICKED,
I SHALL BRING JUSTICE. SO UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN, MORTAL!

HA HA HA
HA HA HA

HA HA HA
HA HA HA

I SHALL REAPPEAR
AS QUICKLY AS
I APPEARED!



BLOODY
TUT!



CRUMP!



BE CAREFUL, CHARLIE! YOU
SHOULDNOT GO CLIMBING
ON THE WALL!

ERM
ANEM!

SOMEONES STRANGER
LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF!



I AM...
ALCAN
FOL WRAP...

YES,
YES,
I KNOW!

TO LIVE A HERO WITH
YOU IN THE KITCHEN
YOUR FATHER!



FEAR NOT GOOD LADY, I HAVE THE
POWER! YOUR CALL WILL BE
ANSWERED!

COME
ALONG
MOM!

WHERE THERE IS WICKEDNESS, I SHALL
BRING BARNABY. WHERE THERE IS...



YOU'VE BEEN USING MY FOIL
WRAP AGAINST YOU

PUT IT BACK AT ONCE. I'M
TRYING TO COOK A CHICKEN



HAH! SO? YOU WOULD ROB ME
OF MY STRENGTH, WOULD YOU?
STAND BACK I SAY!

OR FEEL THE FULL WEIGHT
OF MY PORK STOCK!



YOU'RE BLOODY WRAPPED YOU ARE.
GIVE ME THOSE SOBBY BOTTLES!
THEN SO BE IT!

SQURT!
SPTT!

SQURT!
SPTT!



BY THE MIGHTY CUBES OF OXID,
MY FORCE IS UNBROKEN, MY
STOCK STRENGTH GAINED!

THAT'S IT!
I'M GOING TO
GET YOUR
FATHER!



IF I CAN JUST REACH
THE STOCK CURB...



AT LAST, MY STRENGTH RETURNS,
AND WITH IT THE POWER TO DO
GOOD AND UNWASHED SQU...
THROUGH THE FLAVOUR
OF PORK!



FATHER, WILL YOU PLEASE DEAL
WITH THE UNWASHED SQU OF
YOURS

YOU'RE IN
FOR A GOOD
THROWING
SQU!



BECAUSE YOU ARE NO MURDER FOR THE INCREDIBLE
TEFLON CLAMOR CARVED PORK-PORK BAGGLES!

WARRIOR BARNABY!

SQURT!
SQURT!

SQURT!
SQURT!

OH
FATHER!

MAADLY
VOICE!

SHUT UP! I CAN HEAR YOUR
VOICE! YOU'RE A BASTARD!
NO ONE'S TO BURN!

YES, AND WE'LL USE OF THE SPOON'S
WHICH SQUART BARNABY AND YOU.

Will I See Her Again?

Steve Watson and his girlfriend Marion Harper were very happy. Their future looked rosy, but there was one cloud which loomed on the horizon.

OH MARION, I WISH I COULD SEE DISNEYLAND BEFORE I GO BLIND

I KNOW, BUT WE COULD NEVER AFFORD THE PLANE FARE, AND THE DOCTOR SAYS YOU'VE ONLY GOT A FEW DAYS CLEAR VISION LEFT



HEY! LOOK AT THIS



I WANT TO BORROW YOUR CAR STEVE. CAN I HAVE THE KEYS?



DON'T BE A FOOL, MARION! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN PASSED YOUR TEST YET

DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE ALRIGHT

As Marion drove away ...

OH GOD! I HOPE SHE'S ALRIGHT. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HER, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF

Two hours later ...

DING DONG

AH! MARION'S BACK. SHE MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN HER HOUSE KEYS



STEVE WATSON?

YES ...

THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING YOUR CAR



I'M AFRAID THE DRIVER WAS KILLED

MARION! OH, NO!

COULD YOU COME TO THE MORTUARY, SIR ...



... TO IDENTIFY THE BODY!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT



IS THIS YOUR GIRLFRIEND, STEVE?

YES - THAT'S HER ...

OH, MARION. WHY? ...



Steve was feeling terrible and lonely.

WHAT A LIFE. I'M GOING BLIND. I'VE LOST MY CAR. I CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO DISNEYLAND AND NOW MARION'S DEAD.



I THINK I'LL HAVE A CUP OF TEA AND A BISCUIT.



I'VE ALREADY PUT THE KETTLE ON, STEVE!



MARION!!

IT CAN'T BE ...



YOU'RE DEAD! YOU WERE KILLED IN A CAR CRASH!

I'VE JUST IDENTIFIED YOUR BODY



OH, THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MY TWIN SISTER, MELISSA ...

... I SOLD HER YOUR CAR THIS AFTERNOON. SHE MUST HAVE CRASHED IT.



SOLD MY CAR? WHY?

TO BUY THESE ...

TWO TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND. WE FLY TOMORROW.

The next day...



WILL STEVE DISNEYLAND HERE WE COME

YES, IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE

OH, NO ...

... I'VE GONE BLIND.



THE END

THE STARS WHO RE

In showbusiness, as in the sky at night, for every star that rises, so another must fade away. Famous names and favourite entertainers, for whom the show is over. Death, whether it be by accident, disease or natural causes, is no respecter of celebrity status. Eventually it catches up with us all.

But death does not always bring to a close the careers of the showbiz stars. For the entertainment world is littered with ghostly tales of stars who have simply refused to die.

KING'S RETURN TO THE THRONE



During his 46 years on Earth **ELVIS PRESLEY** never once visited Britain. But an unemployed plumber from Altringham claims to have come face to face with the King of Rock'n'Roll in the lavatory of his council semi, 14 years **AFTER** the star's death.

Fifty-nine year old Bob Cartwright told us how he was awoken late one night by a grunting sound coming from his toilet. "I went to investigate, and couldn't believe what I saw", said Bob. "There, slumped across the lavatory seat, was Elvis Presley - the King of Rock'n'Roll. He was extremely overweight and had been eating a slice of pizza. He had got stuck and was obviously in some pain". Suddenly Elvis spoke.

ECHOED

"I'll never forget his voice. It seemed somehow distant, and echoed around the lavatory. But his Texas accent was unmistakable". Elvis asked Bob

for a spoon which he needed to take some drugs. Bob rushed downstairs to the kitchen, but as he ran back upstairs towards the bathroom door he heard a loud flushing noise, and turned the corner only to see bubbling water disappear down the toilet.

U-BEND

As the bowl re-filled Bob heard the unmistakable sound of Elvis' voice coming from beyond the 'U' bend. "He was singing Suspicious Minds. I'll never forget sitting there with my ear in the bowl listening as his watery voice gradually faded away. It made the hair on the back of my neck stand on end, I can tell you".

HAMBURGER

Since that night, Bob believes that Elvis' ghost has returned to his house several times, on one occasion firing a gun at his television. "Fortunately, the ghostly bullet passed through the TV screen causing it no harm, but on another occasion Elvis caused a small fire in the kitchen when he left the grill on after cooking a hamburger late one night". Fortunately Bob was alerted by neighbours who spotted the flames and called the fire brigade.

Tree terror re-lived by dead idol



Diesel fitter Darren Peabody didn't believe in ghosts, until one night in 1986 he had an experience he will never forget.

"I'd been to a friend's stag night at a local pub, and had been drinking heavily for several hours. It was pouring with rain and I couldn't find my car keys, so I was delighted when a stranger in the car park offered me a lift home in his mini. In the light of the full moon I made him out to be a young man, perhaps in his early thirties, with long dark curly hair, and make up.

until a few weeks later when I mentioned what had happened to a friend. What he told me made my hair stand on end.

For less than 120 miles from that very spot where the car span off the road, pop idol Marc Bolan had been killed in an almost identical accident exactly nine years earlier, almost to the month.

SOMERSAULTED

But the story doesn't end there. For six months later, after a night of heavy drinking, Darren drove past the same spot and spotted something moving behind the trees.

"Through the mist and fog I could just make out the silhouette of a white swan, with someone riding on it. Just like in the words of the T Rex song". Darren was so frightened that he lost control of his car, clipped a passing bus, and somersaulted into a ditch.

HOSPITAL

"The next morning I awoke in hospital. I explained to the police officers that I'd been frightened by the ghost of Marc Bolan but they simply would not believe me". Darren was fined £250 for driving with excess alcohol and banned from driving for 2 years.

HAIRPIN

"I began to tremble as the car sped along the narrow, winding road. Thunder and lightning flashed as the car careered around hairpin bends. I asked the driver to slow down, but it was too late, for at that very moment the car skidded out of control and hurtled towards a tree. I covered my face and braced myself for the impact.

URINE

The next thing I remember it was nine o'clock the next morning and I awoke to find myself lying in a pool of urine in the pub car park. There was vomit in my hair, and all over my clothes, and no sign of the young man in his mini. I made my way home and thought nothing more of the incident

CAMPBELL'S PEA SOUPER

Holidaymaker Stuart Ferguson got more excitement than he bargained for the day he and his family hired a rowing boat for a day out on Lake Windermere in the Lake District.

SNAPPED

Stuart, his wife Morag and their two children Angus, 2 and Crawford, 5 had been rowing for about an hour when their oar snapped. Stuart takes up the story.

"We were stuck in the middle of the lake with no land in sight. After a while it got dark, and a thick blanket of fog descended on the lake. It was eerie.

"Suddenly the ghostly calm was broken by a sound that made my hair stand on end. It was the roar of a bright blue rocket powered speed boat. The gleaming vessel emerged

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SET TO DIE!

THIS IS YOUR AFTERLIFE

Since the death of Eamon Andrews, dressing room number 666 at Thames Television has stood empty. For not one single star in the world of showbusiness would dare use the room formerly occupied by the *This Is Your Life* presenter.

Andrew's successor Michael Aspel was the first man to enter the room after the Irishman's death. Seconds later he fled screaming, his grey hair standing on end. It was several moments before Aspel had calmed down enough to describe his terrifying experience to horrified TV executives. For inside the dark, dingy dressing room, he had come face to face with the headless ghost of his predecessor!

SPRANG

A Thames Television insider explained. "Eamon's ghost sprang out of the mirror and thrust a big red book at Michael. Fortunately Aspel fled, for the story goes that anyone who accepts the book from Andrews' ghost will immediately turn to stone".



Indeed one hapless cleaner, while dusting the light bulbs which surround the mirror in dressing room number 666, was accosted by the ghoully figure, and took the book. She instantly turned to granite and her statue stands in the foyer of Thames TV as a warning to showbusiness celebrities and other would-be visitors to dressing room number 666.



Campbell's ghostly speedboat (above) emerges from the fog.

from the fog and pulled up alongside us. Without saying a word the driver threw us a rope.

FLAMES

"The next thing I knew we were being towed back to shore at speeds in excess of 600 miles an hour, and it wasn't long before we were safely back on dry land.

"As I walked up the pier, I turned to see the boat roar off at high speed, flip up into the air

and explode in flames before sinking without trace.

"The next morning I returned to see if I could be of any help, but there was no sign of the mystery stranger or his boat. Not a single bit of wreckage had been washed ashore. I described the man to an old fisherman who was mending his nets at the nearby harbour, and asked if he knew him. "Yes", he said. "That was the ghost of Donald Campbell".

WHAT ARE GHOSTS?

There have been many attempts made to explain the phenomenon we loosely term 'ghosts'. Are they simple illusions created by our brains, or perhaps figments of our vivid imaginations. Or maybe it's just our minds playing tricks on us. There have been many attempts made to explain this baffling phenomena.

AFTERLIFE

But what do the stars of showbusiness themselves think? Do the stars of stage and screen believe in the afterlife? And what is their idea of a ghost?

SUPERNATURAL

We asked three former TV Dr Who's to offer their explanations.



White haired former time lord **JON PERTWEE** has little time to ponder the mysteries of the supernatural. "I really haven't

given it a lot of thought", he told us yesterday. "But if you ring my agent next week he'll sort something out for you", he said.



Save time traveller **PETER DAVISON** is in no doubt about ghosts. "The human eye is like a camera, if you will", he told us.

RETINA

"Images are taken in and focused on the retina. When you see a ghost, it is merely the same process happening in reverse, the image being projected through your eyes and onto a wall, like a slide show, if you will".

CORNEA

"I don't know anything about ghosts, and frankly I don't particularly care", recent Doctor **SYLVESTER MCCOY** told us. "And anyway, where did you get my number", he asked.

Garden haunted by green fingered ghoul

Police were baffled when they were called to the Blue Peter garden at the BBC Television Centre. Vandal had dug up plants, overturned a statue of the Blue Peter dog Petra, and poured bleach into the Italian sunken pond.

Detectives were baffled. The gate had been locked, and the garden is surrounded by a six foot wall. "It's as if the vandals simply walked in through a solid wall", he said.

BOX

That officer may have been closer to the truth than he realised, for paranormal experts now believe that Percy Thrower, the Blue Peter gardener and former TV bird impressionist, was responsible for the damage, and that his spirit had returned to Earth to haunt the garden.

"Percy often spoke of his wish to be buried in the Blue Peter garden, alongside the box for the year 2000", one former presenter told us. But that wish was never granted. Blue

Peter supreme Biddy Baxter refused to allow the burial, and even turned down an eleventh hour plea for Thrower's ashes to be scattered in the herbaceous border.

"Percy Thrower's spirit cannot rest until his remains are taken to the Blue Peter garden", we were told. "And until they are, Thrower's ghost will haunt the garden, vandalising it once or twice every year".

Next week: The man who bought former Crackerjack funny man Peter Glaze's house reveals how the star's spectre has repeatedly foiled attempts to decorate the building by the use of a supernatural bungling comedy wallpapering routine.

The MODERN PARENTS



YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Nowadays people are more image conscious than ever before, spending hours in front of a mirror, and fortunes on expensive clothes.

And it's not just fashionable teenagers who care about their looks. Politicians, bank managers and even taxi drivers are getting in on the act, hiring 'image consultants' to advise them about their clothes, their hair and even the way they speak.

STARS

Indeed, many of today's top personalities, MPs, film stars and even Royals, spend a fortune each year on hair cuts, clothes and new teeth in order to improve their public image.

BOOK

For having the right image is very important in today's hectic world. But changing YOUR image needn't be such an expensive business. For according to a book soon to be published, the things we EAT are more responsible for the way people see us than any other factor. Indeed, changing your diet can change your image, often overnight.

PORRIDGE

Food and Image Consultant Dr. Campbell Soup has been studying what he calls the 'Total Diet Control of Character Projection' for several weeks.

"In simple terms, you are what you eat", he explains in his book. "For example a man who eats porridge may not be Scottish, but to an onlooker he certainly appears to be".

SIGNALS

Dr. Soup believes there are complex chemical and scientific 'food signals' emitted when we eat, a sophisticated form of body language about which little is known.

PLATFORMS

In today's world many people strive to create a wealthy, successful image. They buy fast cars, Italian clothes and expensive watches. But Dr. Soup believes their money would far better be spent on a new and simple diet.

"Eating small things, like frogs, oysters, or even little sausage rolls produce an unmistakable aura of wealth", says the Doctor. "For example, if you enter a room with a cocktail sausage on a stick, it immediately says more about you than your clothes can ever do".

Small sausage rolls and bits of cheese say a lot about the kind of person you are

Dr. Soup points to nouvelle cuisine to underline his point. "Affluent people spend hours in posh restaurants eating small, unpleasant things, often covered in peculiar sauce, off big plates. The same effect can be achieved without incurring that expense. For example, in a sweetshop, you could simply buy a Walnut Whip or a small finger of fudge instead of a clumsy Mars Bar, or bulky packet of crisps".

FLIP FLOPS

There was a time when to appear tough all you needed was a jar of Brylcreem and a leather jacket. But nowadays the same effect can be achieved by simply tucking into a baked potato, according to Dr. Soup.

STATEMENT

"Buying a baked potato, like buying any item of food, is in itself a statement of your individuality. In the case of a baked potato, this suggests a certain abrasiveness, a rough determination and a wild outlook on life".

OVERDRAFT

But the doctor believes that your choice of filling is just as important as the potato itself.

WITHDRAWAL

"Baked beans or cheese, for example, underline masculinity, in much the same way that a growth of stubble used to. While cottage cheese, or pineapple imply sensitivity in a person, and tuna suggests eccentricity".

It's food for thought says top image expert

Cheese, according to Dr. Soup, is the single most important food stuff in terms of image building. Your choice of cheese can dictate the way others see you for years to come.

organisations, Dr. Soup has begun to offer his services as a Food Image Consultant to various people, among them the Metropolitan Police.

"Many of the problems the Police have are due to their image. People tend to see them as unfriendly, authoritarian figures. But I believe an improved diet could change that overnight".

DUTCH CAP

Dr. Soup wrote to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, suggesting that his officers eat light pastries, toasted sandwiches and more fresh fruit. But so far he has received no reply.

RHYTHM METHOD

Dr. Soup's book, 'The Science of Diet Control of Character Projection of Image and What You Eat' will be available once a publishing deal has been found. Publishers can contact the doctor at the Department of Food and Image Research into Diet Character Projection Control, Flat 3a, Balsover Court, Lumphon, Wolverhampton W016 4PT.

COIL

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LISTEN TO THIS, SAUSAGE... GEDDIT??



PRESENTLY...
OOOOO!!!
BASTARD!!



MISERABLE ONLY SHE'S GOT NO SENSE OF HUMOUR
ROGER BE GAY!!
AND SIT DOWN!!



WICE TO MEET YOU ROGER... I WAS HOPING WE MIGHT TALK A LITTLE BUSINESS
YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT SHARPY PANTS, 'COS I PLAN TO BE MISSED AS A NEW 15 MINUTE TIME



SAUWHAWY THE AWARD CEREMONY, WHICH IS BEING BROADCAST LIVE ON NATIONAL TV, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN



HO HO! HELLO, WEE HEE! AND WELCOME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. HO HO!



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HEE HEE!
(HO HO!)



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I DON'T KNOW IF I'M SUPPOSE TO BE HERE



DO YOU GEDDIT TOM? WATCHDOG WOOF WOOF! WATCH-DOG! YOU SEE?
DOES GEDDIT?
PLEASE BE QUIET! WILL YOU! ROGER, I'M TRYING TO LISTEN



IN SECOND PLACE, FOR HIS WITTY AND INCISIVE FILM REVIEWS... CINEMA 9'S BARRY MORTIMER!



I'VE GOT YOUR BARRING PANTS WITH A KID ON THE BACK!
BARRING PANTS
AND I'M NOT MEET



AND IN FIRST PLACE, A MAN WHOSE CAREER BEGINS IN NEWSCASTING... HE'S WORKING IN CHILDREN'S TV, CURRENT AFFAIRS, AS A CHAT SHOW HOST... THE LIST IS ENDLESS...



THAT'S ME! I'LL SEE YOU LATER
BUT ROGER!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! TELEVISION'S PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR FOR 1991...



...MICHAEL ASPRIN!



CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL... BARRY!
THANK YOU TERRIBLY
YAWN!



THEY! IT'S A FUCKING FID!
COME ON ROGER, SIT DOWN
YAWN!



I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TOM, WE'LL GET HIM IN THE CARBARK, EAT SHIT THE BASTARD OF A BIT!
ROGER, FOR HAVEN'S SAKE GIVE IT UP!
YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF, MICHAEL! WHY WARE AND SQUARE... JUST FORGET ABOUT IT!



PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER ROGER... IT'S TIME TO MEET THE ROYAL GUEST!
AND YOU SHIT! MUST BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOUR... UNDERSTAND?



SHORTLY... ROBERT ABOUT ALL THAT TOM, LOOT MY BAG A LITTLE BAGG THERE



AH! MICHELLE, HOW NICE TO MEET YOU. ONE DOES ENJOY YOUR PROGRAMME



TOM, WHO'S THIS GUNT?



VISCONTI? SOUNDS MORE LIKE SOME SORT OF FUCKING DISCUT! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GUNST?



REALLY? YOU PROBABLY KNOW A TON OF NAME, AL BURNETT... HE'S A SON OF A B... YOU KNOW
OH! ROGER, ONE'S PARTNER!

TOGETHER IT WORKS, JUST STAND STILL AND BE QUIET THE ROYAL GUEST WILL BE HERE ANY SECOND...

ROGER! THAT'S VISCONTI LIMPLEY, HE'S THE ROYAL GUEST OF HONOUR!!

ROGER, BEHAVE! THIS IS THE QUEEN'S NEPHEW!

HEY, ON THE SUBJECT OF GONGS, WANT'S THE CHANCE OF PUTTING IN A WORD FOR ME, EH? NEXT TIME YOU SEE YOUR AUNTIE...

TUBBY JOHNSON



The rush is on with only 248 shopping days to go! So here's...

20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW about CHRISTMAS

With Easter out of the way, once again it's that time of year when we start to think about Christmas. With so many presents to buy, trees to put up and parties to plan, before you know it Christmas is upon us!

But do we ever stop to think what exactly is Christmas? What does it mean? Before you reach for your decorations, why not stop for a moment, and find out. Here's twenty festive facts you never knew about Christmas.

1 Christmas, literally translated, means 'Jesus's Birthday Party'. It's a traditional religious celebration of the Birth of Christ, who was born in a manger at Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago.

2 And he's not the only celebrity who has a birthday on December 25th. He is joined by zany TV comic Kenny Everett.

3 And Noel Gordon out of Crossroads.

4 For most people Christmas Day is a time for celebration, but Irish rock star Phil Lynott had no cause to celebrate on Christmas Day 1987. That's because he died on it.

5 The earliest Christmas decorations known to man are believed to be cave paintings featuring reindeers and a plum pudding which were discovered in underground caves in Arizona, USA, and believed to be over 5 million years old.

6 The Christmas Card was invented by unknown painter Thomas Merry purely by chance after he had painted a robin sitting on a spade handle. However, the first card was not sold until after his death in 1754 when a friend, Sir Henry Hallmark, realised that people were stupid enough to pay up to £2.50 each for the things which cost next to nothing to produce.

7 Prince Albert was responsible for the introduction of the Christmas tree to Britain's homes. The eccentric Prince insisted that his gardeners dig up trees and bring them indoors for the winter to protect them



A Christmas tree yesterday.

from the cold. In 1872 a law was passed stating that every household in Britain should take in a tree for a period of 12 days. The law was abolished in 1958, but the tradition lives on to this day.

8 The traditional children's Christmas gift the 'toy' was not introduced to this country until 1941 when German prisoners of war began to pass their time by carving miniature aeroplanes, cars and soldiers out of wood. Sadly, these toys were never enjoyed by children. They were banned by pioneer safety campaigner Lady Constance Foulds-Wood, because they had sharp metal bits in them.

9 Norwegians may not be the brightest people in the world, but they are world beaters when it comes to growing Christmas trees. Each year they export over ten million trees to countries like Britain, and still have enough left to build themselves log cabins and houses out of wood.

10 Towards the end of his career real life Santa Claus Elvis Presley gave away millions of dollars worth of Christmas presents to the poor and needy. Unbeknown to even his closest friends, big hearted Elvis, dressed in a nappy and full



Elvis - Secret Santa.

Santa outfit, actually climbed down people's chimneys on Christmas Eve and left valuable gifts, including limousines and motorcycles, by their bedsides.

11 'Carol' is a special kind of Christmas song sung in churches, and on doorsteps by people hoping to make some money.

12 'Carol' is also a girl's name. There are many famous Carols, such as Carol Decker out of T'Pau and Countdown's leggy TV maths brainbox Carol Vorderman.

13 And Carol Barnes the newscaster.

14 The largest Christmas turkey ever recorded was a 40 stone monster, over ten feet tall, served up at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Dinner at Arbroath Town Hall in 1926. When the oven door was opened after 15 hours of cooking, to put the potatoes in, the giant beast came alive, leapt out of the oven and killed two kitchen staff. The badly scorched bird was eventually wrestled back into the roasting tin by members of the Royal Scots Dragon Guards pipe band who had been playing nearby. The bird took 6 weeks to cook, and to this day cold turkey sandwiches carved from it's huge carcass are served every lunchtime in the Lord Mayor's chamber.

15 At Christmas time we go telly bonkers! 95% of the population spend at least 8 hours on Christmas Day watching TV, while only 2 out of every hundred go to church. That's because

church is cold, dull and uninteresting, and vicars are daft.

16 The word 'pantomime' comes from the Greek 'pantomindrum', meaning 'to swap trousers'. Originally a traditional play performed around the fireside by Victorian families, this later developed into a stage show where out of work TV celebrities perform plays based on well known children's novels.

17 Australians sit down to enjoy their Christmas dinner in the middle of summer! That's because Australia is six months behind the rest of the world, and Christmas Day falls on June 25th each year.

18 At Christmas time the average Briton will eat TEN TIMES their body weight in nuts, tangerines, dates and chocolate. And the average family will produce 42 tons of waste, empty bottles, nutshells, wrapping paper etc., which, if they don't tip the binmen, gets spilled all over their back yard.

19 Going back to number 11, Carol is also the name of a song by Neil Sedaka.

20 By the year 2000 there'll be no such thing as a white Christmas. Instead, our Christmases will be red! That's because by the year 2000 we'll all be living on Mars.

IT'S BLIND DATE!





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Billy the Fish

AS BILLY MCGIN RECALLS, BILLY THE FISH HAS BEEN RECOVERED BY THE DEVIL-PUNTERS PULCHER UNITED, VITAL FOR OUR CLASH WITH TOTTENHAM HOTSPURS.

THE GOAL KEEPER'S BRIGHT AS THE FISH-LIKE GOALKEEPER WONDER IS SPANISHED FROM THE FISH...

SHORTLY... ENGLAND GOALKEEPER GARY SPANISH IS STOPPING UP TO TAKE THE POINT.



COULDN'T POSSIBLE IN 30 YEARS AS A TOP FOOTBALL LEAGUE GOAL KEEPER THIS IS THE WORST CASE OF DEMONIC POSSESSION THE EVER!



IT LOOKS LIKE HE MIGHT BE OUT FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.



AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I'VE JUST REMEMBERED THAT TOTTENHAM ARE ABOUT TO SIGN A FORWARD.



YES SIR, WE NEED A REPLACEMENT KEEPER. AND FAST!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING BOSS?



HAVE A NEEDER WHOLE AS A SUNDAY MAN, SIR. I'M TAKING OVER.



HIT! YOU CAN'T PLAY IN GOAL WEARING A SHIRTLESS GARDEN AND PULCHER UNITED'S AGAINST THE REGULATIONS.



BUT I HAVEN'T GOT ANY KIT WITH ME.

SHORTLY... TOWN TOWNERS ANNOUNCEMENT WORKS. BILLY... LOOK HERE HERE.



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YES AND IF I'M NOT WRONG, THE BOMB REMAINS YES-YES.

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HOLD ON! I RECOGNISE THOSE BOOTS.



YES, THIS IS NO ORDINARY GHOST.

HOLD ON! I RECOGNISE THOSE BOOTS.



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SHORTLY, IN THE CHANGING ROOM...



BAD NEWS POP PICKERS!

28 into 10 won't go!

Writes
Vizki



Yo pace! Tune in and switch on to the baddest sounds around with the red hot jumpin', scratchin' and pum-pum, toastin' and roastin', bastin' and wastin' Viz Top Ten Chart. Yo!

We've had a huge response to last week's appeal for more entries. **TWENTY EIGHT** of you funk'n' funksters put your hands in your pockets and sent us cash. We've got us one record breakin', back achin', biscuit takin', money makin' monster of a chart. Yo! Put-the-needle-on-the-record - and - the - drumbeat-goes-like-this. Hit it.

Top of the pile in chart bustin' style comes Newcastle's own **FRIENDS OF HARRY**. Yo people! What these guys have got is *totally hot*! 'Take It All' is a jive 45 you can buy from the guy at 27 Wolsely Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1HR. Price about £2.50, probably.

Yo Taitski! My main man **ANDREW TAIT** is back at no. 2, but this time round he's got a hit with a difference. Instead of buying his latest release, you pick up the phone and dial him at home! Andrew will play you it **LIVE!** Now that's what I call a **BAD** idea. And I mean **BAD**, not *bad*. But it's a free country.

SKA-BOOM are back, on the chart attack! Those skankin' and rankin', sleeveless top tankin', money in the bankin' crazy cats with pork pie hats make their third visit to the Top Ten with a live video and album release. Yo bro! Hello Leicester! Rock-n-roll city!

And yo Tipton! The West Midlands own **ROAD CONES** are in at 5. Their tape is available from J. Hodgetts, 40 Sedgley Road, Tipton, Dudley, West Midlands, at £2.50 each. An' if that ain't enough, go strut your stuff to the Cones live at the Mitre, Stourbridge, on 26th May. Yo Stourbridge! Vizki'll be there!

RU -IN are two fun lovin', ha'penny shovin', heaven abovin', good lookin', rhythm cookin' dance chefs who plan to serve up a five star menu of hardened dance sounds for the nineties. Apparently. The first course is about to be served. Tuck into

the sound of 'Prime Time'. *Ain't no shit it'll be a hit! Ain't no crap, these dudes can rap! Ain't no spunk... this record won't flunk.* Etc.



JAMES DAVID LEWIS - you're a hit at no.7, thanks to your mum! She tells us you hauled ass an' high tailed it outa town two years ago, an' she ain't seen you since. And boy, is she worried. So if any of you pop pickers recognise James (pictured) tell him to get in touch with his mum, or he can write c/o Vizki at the Top Ten address. But yo James! Respect! If you write to me, use your mum's Christian name so I know you is who you says you is.

It's a case of nursery rhym'n', church bells a'dymin', nickels and dim'n', *bad tinin'* for **PETER BUCKLEY SMITH** at no. 9. He's released his Christmas single in March. But yo Peter! Here's hopin' Santa brings you an early Christmas hit. Buy that single, funksters, from Miranda Records, 31 Fortress Road, London NW5 1AD. It costs £2.20.

RAW NOISE won't be too happy with this week's chart. That's because they're not in it, despite coughing up fifteen quid. They hoped to improve on their recent no. 5 placing, but turned out to be one of the **EIGHTEEN** luckless bandaleros who's cash didn't cut the mustard. Raw Noise were *especially* unlucky. **1000 PEOPLE** also paid £15, but they got into the chart. That's because

THE VIZ TOP TEN

- 1
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Chart topping Friends of Harry (above), and a special treat for the girls (below) Burnley's **FAT TWINS** who didn't make this week's chart.

their letter was higher in the pile. Ain't life a bitch.

If you sent in a bribe and didn't appear in this chart, why not throw good money after bad, and 'top up' your original bribe to boost your chances of making the next Top Ten. Anyone who wants to appear in the Top Ten just has to send us a cash bribe (*no cheques*). Money talks in the Viz Top Ten, so send some today, to me, Vizki, Viz Top Ten, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. A photo, a copy of your tape or record, and any relevant information would also be handy.

Yo! Vizki



HOW OFFICIALLY START THIS TICKET CHILDREN'S
NAME FROM THIS PLACE OF ORIGIN TO OUR
TICKETS IN TUNNENHOLD SQUARE.



SHIPPING MY BLOOD OFFERS IS TO MAKE
A SOUTHERN PERFECT ON BEHALF OF
ALL AMERICAN. I MUST KNOW THAT
NORRIS'S BLOOD ARE NOT GET COLLECTED
BUT ARE SAVED IN A ROOM FOR AMERICAN
NORRIS UNIVERSITY AND ARE NOT FOR
THE FUTURE HISTORY MUSEUMS OF AMERICA

SPORT BASTARD



SPACE AGE RUG IS GOOD NEWS FOR SLAP HEADS

Top hair boffins believe they are on the verge of a major breakthrough in hair-piece technology.

For they now believe that by the year 2000 they will have perfected a wig which *doesn't look like a wig*.

To date, despite millions of pounds spent each year on wig research, the world's top scientists have been unable to produce a half decent toupe.

GINGER

"The problem is that all wigs are detectable, due to their being made out of coarse ginger sylon, and standing an immoveable half inch proud of the scalp", says Professor Heinz Ravioli, senior trichologist at California's Humphrey Bogart Wig Foundation.

SHUTTLE

But now, as a result of new Space Shuttle technology, pointing and laughing at people wearing obvious wigs is set to become a thing of the past. And demand for the new "Space Wig 2000" is expected to be enormous, with Britain's baldies queuing up to pay over £15,000 per rug.

LOOM

The new hairpieces will come as a Godsend to top showbiz baldies like Paul Daniels, Terry Wogan, and Bruce Forsyth, For

despite thousands of pounds spent on advanced hairpieces and transplants, their careers are all too often held back by unsightly and unconvincing syrups.

BOBBIN

The new wigs are expected to become available over the next 2 years, and advance orders are already being taken, not only from baldies, but also from people who can expect to be bald by the year 2000. People like newsreader Jeremy Paxman. However, Professor Ravioli was at pains to point out that due to technical and production difficulties, early versions of the wig would only be available in one colour - bright ginger - and in small size only.

SPINNING JENNY

"The colouration of the wigs may be affected by sunlight, so they should only be worn indoors, and under no circumstances should they be allowed to come into contact with water. Or heat", said the Professor yesterday.



Showbiz baldie Bruce Forsyth (left) and Judith Chalmers of TV's 'Wish You Were Here'.



SPOT THE BALDY AND WIN £100!

Soon cheap laughs at the expense of sensitive baldies will be a thing of the past, and the nylon rugs that they balance precariously on top of their heads will be museum pieces.

So this could be your last chance to go WIG SPOTTING. And we're offering bumper cash prizes, plus hair products, to the spotters of the most obvious wigs.

All you have to do is load up your camera and wander the streets in search of hairpieces. When you spot a hidden baldy, take a candid snapshot of his (or her) laughable toupe, and send the results to us.

The photos of the most

ridiculous hairpieces will appear in our next issue (if anyone bothers to send us any) and the sender of each snap used will receive £25, with the lucky winner collecting £100 cash, a comb PLUS a year's supply of shampoo and conditioner.

Send your photographs to Viz Wig Spotting Competition, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Please write your name and address clearly on the back of each photo, together with your hair type (e.g. dry, normal, greasy). Photographs which are returned will have no chance of winning a prize, for technical and administrative reasons.

NIGHTMARE OF BRITAIN'S GOLDFISH

Millions of goldfish in Britain are being kept in appalling overcrowded conditions by heartless owners.

And animal welfare experts fear that each year thousands of helpless fish DIE as a result.

BOWLS

Goldfish, often bought as gifts, or won as fairground prizes, are regularly kept in bowls where are:

- ★ **TOO SMALL** for the fish to swim around in.
- ★ **TOO LIGHT** for the fishes eyes, and
- ★ **TOO DIRTY** due to over-feeding.

According to experts one gallon of water is needed for each inch of a goldfish's length, **not** including its tail. And too much light causes discomfort, as goldfish are unable to close their eyes.

BATS

Fish owners were also warned that over-feeding can **KILL** fish, as uneaten food quickly dirties the water. "Goldfish should be kept in clean water, away from direct sunlight, and fed a small amount of food once daily", said one expert.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said no figure was available for the number of goldfish in Britain which die each year as a result of maltreatment by uncaring owners. But some animal welfare experts we spoke to feared that the figure could be as high as 250,000. Or even half a million.

STOMPIES

Controversial actress Emma Thomson said yesterday that she spoke from her heart when she pleaded with gold-

fish owners to look after their fish properly. "People should not have goldfish as pets unless they are prepared to treat them with the respect and dignity which they deserve", she said.

Singer Chrissie Hynd joined in the chorus of support for goldfish. "They have just as much right to be on this earth as we have, if not more", she said. And she asked people to boycott pet shops where fish are kept in unsatisfactory conditions.



Jack Black
& his dog **Silver**
in *The Chocolate Cake Caper*



...screwy. Jack slipped away and ran two miles to the next village...



...and went to see his friend at the Cotswold Food Analysis Laboratory



RECORD BREAKER!

A cartoon illustration of a character with a large afro and a speech bubble saying "GEE-NI-NI-NI!".

FOR JEAN OF ARKAT COMPLAINED THE JUDGE CALLED HIM IN AND THREATENED FORTY-FIVE DAYS' IMPRISONMENT FOR HIS

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NO AND AUTHORITY - THAT WINS IN EIGHTY YEARS AND YOU'VE JUST COME OUT OF THE WARDEN'S LONGEST CONFINEMENT.

HEY! GREAT!

BIFFA BACON

